

ABSTRACT

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Poffenberger-Baker Farm
Boonsboro-Tilghmanton Vicinity
Private

Mid-19th Century

This farm complex consists of a two story, five bay brick dwelling with a central entrance, a summer kitchen sheathed with German siding, a small log out-building and a large brick bank barn with decorative geometric ventilators. Significant for their architecture, all of these buildings would appear to date from the mid 19th century and as a group provide a prime example of Washington County's vernacular architecture. It would appear that the structures were built by Jacob Poffenberger.

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NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: Poffenberger-Baker Farm				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Manor Church Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Boonsboro-Tilghmanton Vicinity				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Washington	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____				
Comments _____				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: David E. Baker				
STREET AND NUMBER: Route # 1				
CITY OR TOWN: Boonsboro			STATE: Maryland	
			21713	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF OEDS, ETC: Washington County Court House				
STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown			STATE: Maryland	
			21740	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 362/310				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered < 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located at the end of a long private lane leading south from Manor Church Road between Boonsboro and Tilghmanton in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on gently rolling ground and faces south.

The structure is a two story, five bay brick dwelling. The walls rest on low fieldstone foundations and display common bonding at all elevations with, generally five courses of stretchers between header rows. Flat arches of brick are present over all openings. A modern one story lean-to addition, an enclosed porch extends along the west gable elevation.

Windows appear to be spaced evenly in the front elevation. All windows at the two main stories have six over six pane double hung sashes held within narrow frames finished with a beaded inner edge. The windows are flanked with louvered shutters.

The main entrance is located in the center bay of the front elevation. It is rather elaborate, displaying symmetrically molded door trim with decorated corner blocks. Flanking the door are four pane side lights which are hinged so that they may be opened. An eight light transom extends across the opening. Alterations in the brickwork above the entrance suggests that a small flat roofed porch may have been present at one time.

The roof is covered with sheet metal and extends beyond the end walls of the house. The eaves boxing is finished with several courses of molding. Large brick chimneys with corbels at their tops are located inside each gable end.

Just northeast of the house is a small log outbuilding, displaying "v" notched corner joining. Northwest of the house is a wooden outbuilding sheathed with German siding. Presumably it was used as a summer kitchen. Southwest of the house is a large brick end bank barn with decorative geometric ventilators. The property contains 130.72 acres. The buildings are in excellent condition.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building complex is significant primarily for its architecture. All structures, the house, barn and outbuildings would appear to date from the mid-nineteenth century and as a group provide a prime example of Washington County's vernacular architecture.

The house built over the five bay center front door plan is representative of a type of dwelling sometimes described as "Pennsylvania Georgian." Generally symmetrical in appearance, the house is based remotely on the Georgian form which was adapted to rural farm houses in Southern Pennsylvania, Western Maryland and the Shenandoah Valley.

The brick end barn with geometric ventilators is one of an important group of brick barns indigenous to the same area.

The outbuildings are also significant as well maintained examples of such structures.

The farm on which these buildings are located is part of a land grant, of over 500 acres called "Eye Trap", surveyed for Thomas Smith in 1791. The farm in its present size was purchased by Jacob Poffenberger in three deeds in 1841, 1850 and 1851. (Respectively deed books YY/48, IN5/52, IN6/213). Most of the land was purchased from Mary Hershey or her estate. The property remained in hands of descendants of Jacob Poffenberger until 1960.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records.

Washington County Patent Records.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **130.72 acres.**

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

December 1975

STREET AND NUMBER:

Court House Annex

CITY OR TOWN:

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland

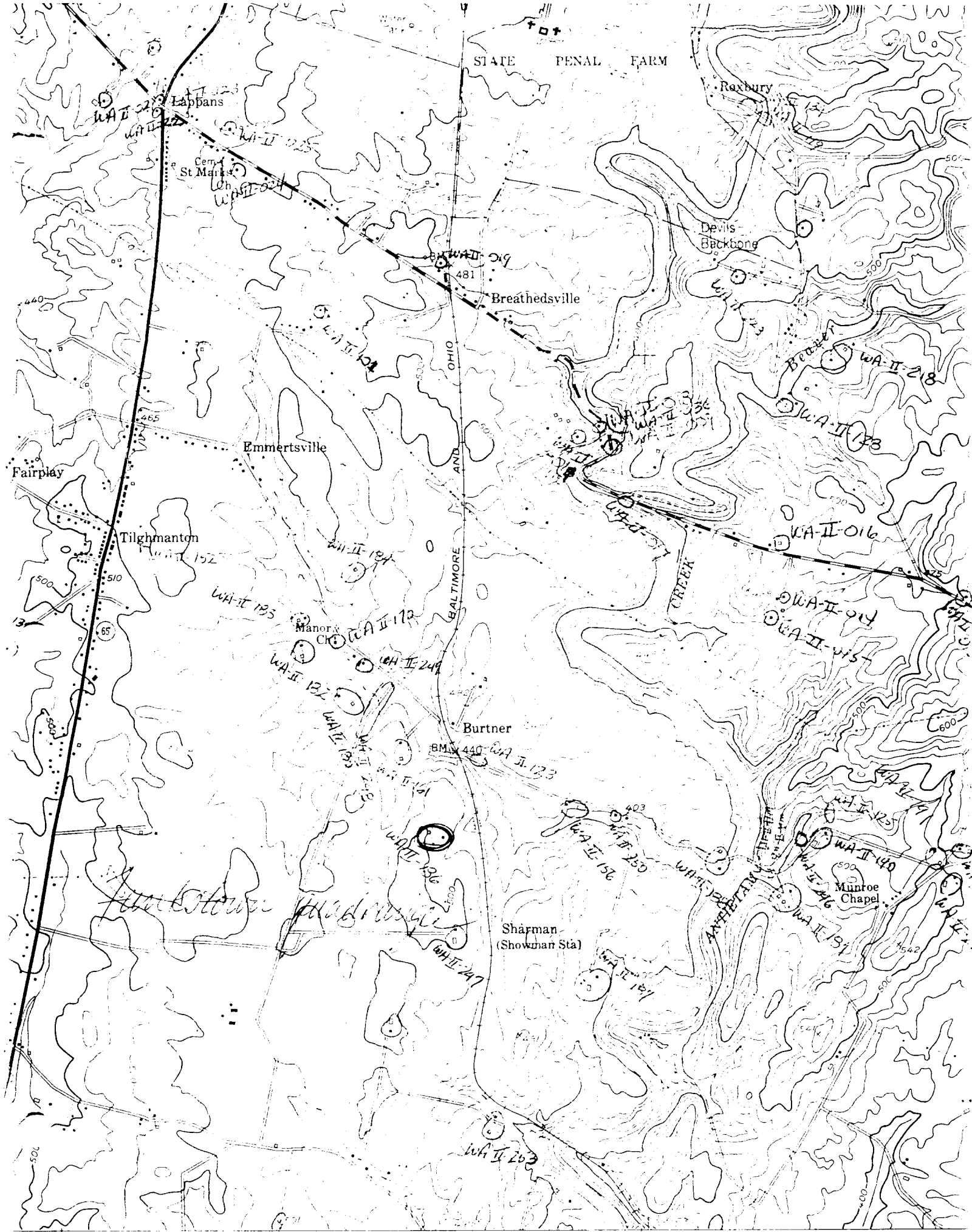
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State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

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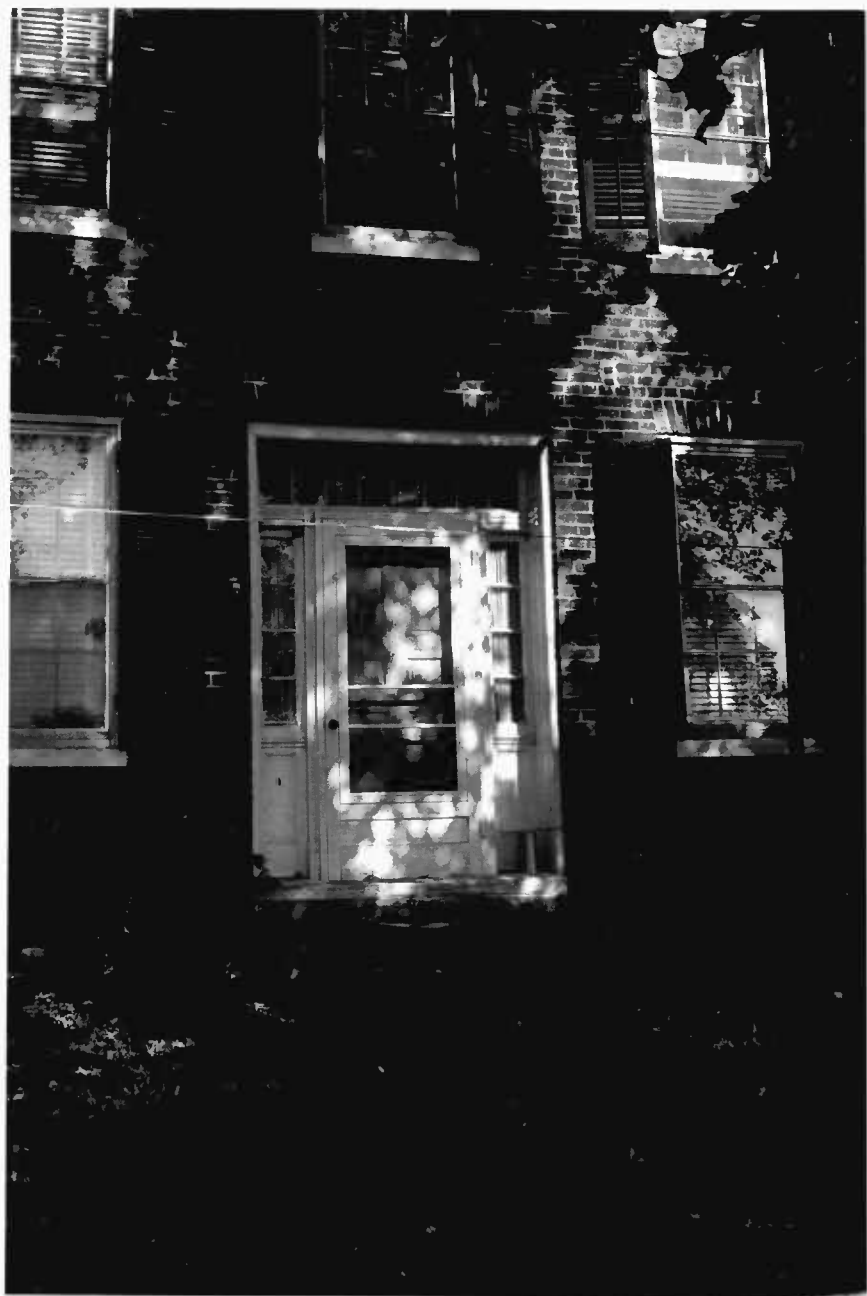
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